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Dwelling ID as listed on EIS for Proposal SSD 9679: NAD_73(1843 Crawney Road, Crawney)

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: Hills of Gold Wind Farm Application NO. SSD 9679

- I am attaching my submission to the above mentioned development application.
- I hereby declare that I object to the Hills of Gold Wind Farm proposal ID no. SSD 9679
- I would like my personal details withheld.
- I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous 2 years.

Signed,

Geoffrey Purcell

Reasons for objection:

1. I am part owner of the property located at 1843 Crawney Road, Crawney. Identified in the EIS as NAD_73.
2. The comments in the EIS as "It is understood the owner is not concerned about visual impacts" is a fraudulent misrepresentation of my opinion as there has never been any discussions with myself regarding this matter.
3. I have been part owner of 5 rural properties including the subject property where unrestricted rural views were one of the most prominent factors influencing our purchase. Our property previous to the subject property was in fact purchased by our now current solicitor on the above fact alone.
4. It is my belief that any government official or minister who accepts this EIS in it's current form will be endorsing statements which are factually untrue.

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5. The adverse impact on the value of our property will be substantial. The writer has had 50 years experience in property matters, having acted for, or against, all levels of government, as well as local, national and international corporations, together with most leading financial institutions.

6. The current proposed compensation to adversely affected property owners is inequitable and has no basis for the manner in which it has been assessed.

All properties will not be equally affected, the compensation payable should be on the basis of loss of value and not on the current basis of population/numbers, all being equally compensated.

7. There are many properties affected by noise, such as road traffic, trains, aircraft, but not all of these are constant, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, as will be the case if this project proceeds.

8. Crawney Road is totally unsuitable for traffic flow above that which it currently services. It is absurd to state that heavy, long loads, over private cattle grids, could use this road as an alternate route to the New England Highway.

9. I am a foundation member of the RFS, and was a volunteer prior to the formation of the RFS in 1997.

I have been professionally involved in reporting on bush fire prone properties for mortgage finance security purposes.

The wind turbine corridor in part would be high hazard with a north-westerly wind flow.

It is not known as to how the turbine drafts will fan fire.

There does not appear to be close on-site water storage facilities, nor are there safe access points for ground 'fire-fighting personnel'.

A fire will not have to travel far out of the corridor to then enter steep escarpment. type terrain that would not be accessible to ground fire-fighting personnel.

The turbines + smoke would make it impracticable and highly dangerous for the use of aircraft, particularly helicopters.

This is a **disaster area in the making**.

Media reports of the Canberra fire show that fires can start from contact between birds and these turbines.

Bio-Security

Risk will be increased for all properties throughout the area with the influx of increased vehicular movement between properties.

Land Clearing

Aerial photos show that land has been cleared during the EIS preparation period.

This clearing has pre-empted approval of this application and taints the process.

Generally approval cannot be given to a project where possible illegal works have occurred prior to formal approval.

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Our property view is to the eastern ridgeline. The sun will rise behind these turbines, and the time for this to happen during various seasons is unknown, but will be substantially more than the impact stated in the EIS.

Light from behind a rotating turbine could be compared to drip water torture.

We will also be impacted by flicks on the front of the blades from the afternoon sun.

Night Warning Lights

Twenty five red warning lights on what is an unimpeded ridgeline is totally unacceptable.

A night sky view of stars and moving satellite type objects will no longer be available.

Consultation Process

Flawed, tainted, and misleading, possibly could be interpreted by some as fraudulently misleading.

Decommissioning and Rehabilitation

The writer has owned property previously where mine workings had been undertaken.

The mine work commenced on or about 1960.

A bond of \$5000 was her by the Department of Mines.

In the late 1990's, when I requested rehabilitation works to be undertaken, the bond was totally underfunded.

This project should not be undertaken unless a bond of sufficient funds is held to restore the total area to the same condition as it was prior to project commencement.

Such bond should be renewed at least on a 5 yearly time period.

EIS Declaration

Is considered as fraudulently misrepresentable as it applies to the description of our property.

This matter will be discussed with our solicitor as to whether a formal complaint will be made with both the Federal and State Attorney Generals.

Personal Safety/Property Safety

The population of the Nundle area is reported as being in the vicinity of 490 persons.

The EIS makes reference to 400+ transient workers to be engaged on this project.

Country people know who drives a particular vehicle in certain areas.

Country women, home, alone on remote properties, will be at increased risk.

Ivan Milat worked on a RTA road crew for approximately 20 years and was able to do so as a result of his being employed in transient type.

This population influx into this area has a high risk potential of increased crime.

Previously Australia's most wanted criminal at that time, i.e. Malcolm Naden, was able to use remote properties to his benefit. People like him will have the benefit of camouflage by the increased number of strangers to the area.

Conclusion

Any competent, prudent, responsible person, could not possibly endorse the approval of this project in this location.